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**DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENCE OF CONFIRMED RABIES IN  
LABORATORY EXAMS  
October 2005**

**Positive Animal**  
**Bat**

**County**  
**Franklin (1), St. Louis County (3)**

**Total Rabies Cases to Date: 67**

**Total Rabies Cases to Date-Last Year: 55**

**Negative Animal Heads Examined This Month: 162\***

**Positive Animal Heads Examined This Month: 4**

**Percent Positive This Month: 2.41%**

**Total Animal Heads Examined to Date This Year: 2337\***

Cumulative Exams and Positive Results - Year To Date						Total Rabies By Year
Species	#Exams	#Positive	Species	# Exams	#Positive	
Dog:	516	0	Rodent/Rabbit	94	0	2004: 59
Cat:	521	0	Other Domestic	8	0	2003: 43
Bat:	938	51	Other Wild	41	0	2002: 45
Skunk:	41	15	Exotic	1	0	2001: 40
Fox:	12	0	Unknown	0	0	2000: 50
Cow	24	0	<b>Total</b>	<b>2337</b>	<b>67</b>	1999: 31
Horse	16	1	<b>Counties On Alert: Howell, Douglas</b>			1998: 42
Ferret	0	0	Counties are placed on alert when there is a positive result on a domestic animal or when threshold levels for wild animals have been exceeded.			1997: 31
Raccoon	125	0				1996: 26
						1995: 30
						1994: 27

\*Includes unsatisfactory specimens.

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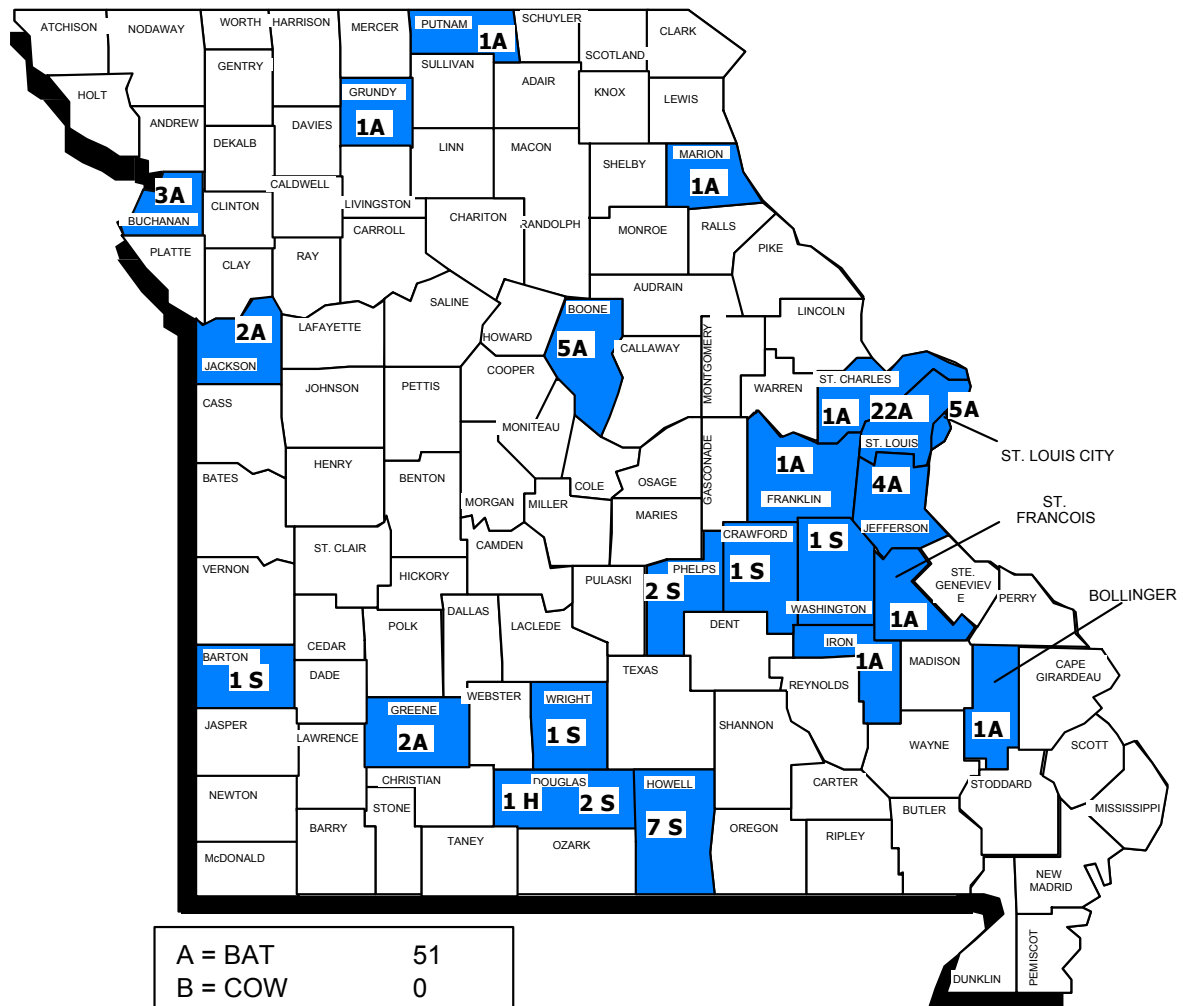
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